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Application No.: 09/696,826) Date: December 23, 2002
Applicant: Clark et al.) Examiner: Thien Tran
Filed: October 25, 2000) Group Art Unit 2811
For: "Implant Interconnection having ...") Our Ref: B-3650
Re: RCE) (617089-5/RPB)

37 CFR 1.114 REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

BOX RCE
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request under 37 CFR 1.114 for a Request for Continued Examination of the above application 09/696,826 filed on October 25, 2000. This request is filed with a one-month extension and within the time allowed for response to the final rejection Official Action dated August 27, 2002. Enclosed are amendments and arguments in favor of the patentability of the currently pending claims in light of the art cited by the Examiner.

This request is accompanied by a check for the RCE fee in the amount of \$740.00 as specified in the 37 CFR 1.17(e). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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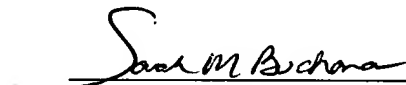
Respectfully submitted,

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